

LAMOINE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009 AT 5:30 P.M.  
AT THE LAMOINE TOWN HALL  
LAMOINE, MAINE

Members Present: Christina Harding, Chair; Robert Pulver, Nancy Sargent, Faith Perkins, Kathleen Rybarz  
Members Late: None  
Members Absent: None  
Staff Present: Val Perkins, Principal; Leah Treadwell, Assistant Principal; Omar P. Norton Superintendent; David Bridgham, Business Manager  
Others: Jina's Gym Fund Members: John and Penny Walls, Enid Neleski, Patti Haslam, Carol Korty, Heather Fowler, Brett Jones

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 5:30 p.m.
2. **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING ON 12/1/08**

**A motion was made** by Kathleen Rybarz, seconded by Faith Perkins, **to accept the Minutes of 12/1/08 as presented.**

**Vote: Yes 4 No 0**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (15 Minutes)**

None

4. **REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Moved Item 7.A. to follow "Public Comments"

Added Item 7.C. "Discussion Regarding 2009-2010 Budget"

Added Item 7.D. "Discussion Regarding Extra-curricular Fundraising"

5. **COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS**

A. **Chairperson** – A copy of Mrs. Harding's written report will be made a part of the official minutes.

B. **Administration**

1. **Principal's Report** – a copy of Mr. Perkins's written report will be made a part of the official minutes. In addition, Draft #2 "Assignment of High School Students" was presented to the School Committee.

2. **Superintendent's Report** – A copy of Mr. Norton's written report will be made a part of the official minutes.

C. **Standing Committee Reports**

1. **Building Committee** – The committee reports that the construction crew(s) are still working toward making adjustments/corrections but that a final punch list is not ready. The progress toward this goal is positive.

- D. **Warrant Signatures** – Warrant #7 in the amount of \$173,183.74 was signed by the School Committee.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Update on Consolidation**

- Robert Pulver reported that Brett Jones and their group had walked the grounds in order to determine proper lines between school and fire department properties. They reported there is no problem in reaching a final decision.
- No papers were taken out by candidates for the RSU 24 Board of Directors. Write-in procedures were discussed, as were the standardization of terms for Directors.
- Provisions must be made for a local advisory committee to the RSU, including a process of selection and the choosing of a chairperson.
- Note the second paragraph in the written Superintendent's Report which addresses actions of the RSU Transitional Committee and action relating to the advertising for a superintendent of schools.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Jina's Gym Committee Discussion**

Representatives of Jina's Gym Fund presented plans to produce a playable gym floor and expand the building to accommodate a stage with a ramp for handicapped access. (Moving a family tree memorial is in the plan and the tree will be preserved.)

The Jina's Gym Committee wants to work closely with the School Committee as they continue to develop plans.

The Chair thanked committee members of Jina's Gym Fund for their attendance and for all their hard work. Chairperson Harding accepted tonight's report as a progress report on the project.

Following a lengthy discussion, **a motion was made** by Robert Pulver, seconded by Faith Perkins, **to give Jina's Gym Fund the School Committee's permission to work on plans with an architect to expand the gym and to include a stage.**

**Vote: Yes 5 No 0**

**B. Legislative Updates**

Chrissi Harding as Chair of the School Committee will serve as the Legislative local contact for the Maine School Management Association. The Legislature is just beginning at this point.

**C. Discussion of 2009-2010 Budget/David Bridgham**

School Committee members gave David Bridgham ideas on inclusions at the school they would like included in next year's budget. They requested a list of cuts made and their impact on the school, including the part-time principalship. Also mentioned were a two day a week guidance person and library services. David thanked the Committee for their guidance.

**D. Extra-curricular Fundraising**

Principal Perkins said he would equalize school trips among the various grades. The school approval form will be used. Needs will be made known to the "Patrons" group.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. Board Requests for Information**

The Impact of Budget Cuts

**B. Board Comments – None**

**C. Future Agenda Items**

February: Curriculum Update from Susan Smith

**D. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lamoine Town Hall.**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion to adjourn was made** by Robert Pulver, seconded by Nancy Sargent.

**Vote: Yes 5 No 0**

**Time: 7:03 p.m.**

Attest: a true record

Omar P. Norton  
Secretary